

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as shown below, in which deleted terms are shown with strikethrough and/or double brackets, and added terms are shown with underscoring.

[0028] A forward-facing annular step 21f is formed on an inner face of the casing 22 between the second and third hole portions 21b and 21c, a forward-facing annular latching step 21g is formed on the inner face of the casing 22 between the third and fourth hole portions 21c and 21d in a middle section of the slide hole 21, and a ~~forward~~-rearward-facing annular step 21h is formed on the inner face of the casing 22 between the fourth and fifth hole portions 21d and 21e.

[0073] A forward-facing annular step 101e is formed on an inner face of the casing 102 between the front parking piston slide hole portion 101a and the rear parking piston slide hole portion 101b, a forward-facing annular latching step 101f is formed on the inner face of the casing 102 between the rear parking piston slide hole portion 101b and the front lock piston slide hole portion 101c, and a ~~forward~~-rearward-facing annular step 101g is formed on the inner face of the casing 102 between the front lock piston slide hole portion 101c and the rear lock piston slide hole portion 101d.

[0076] The lock mechanism 105 includes a lock piston 104, a cylindrical retaining tube 51, spheres 52, 52, and an insertion shaft 53, the lock piston 104 being slidably fitted into the casing 102 to the rear side of the parking piston 103 so that when the parking piston 103 moves forward a forward urging force acts on the lock piston 104 and allowing a parking release control pressure to be made to act on the lock piston 104 toward the rear, the retaining tube 51 being connected integrally and coaxially to a rear part of the parking piston 103, the spheres 52, 52 being retained at

a plurality of positions in the peripheral direction of the retaining tube 51 so that the spheres 52, 52 can move along the radial direction of the retaining tube 51, and the insertion shaft 53 being inserted into the retaining tube 51 so that it can move axially relative thereto and connected integrally to the front end of the lock piston 104 so as to be in contact with the spheres 52, 52 from the inside of the retaining tube 51.